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Zone Free from a Given Disease/Infection
by the United States of America

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The United States has no further comments and agrees with the suggested changes proposed for Chapter 1.3.4 on Zoning and Regionalization, and for Section 1.1, General Definition.

The United States kindly requests that the International Animal Health Code Commission consider the following minor change to Section 3.8, Appendix 3.8.0, General Principles for Recognizing a Country or Zone Free from a Given Disease/Infection:

Article 3.8.0.2 – Definitions

Suggested change: Replace the words “entry and” with the words “existence or”. Thus, the definition would then read:

“Infection: ~~Entry and~~ *Existence or* multiplication of the agent in the host. For the purposes of the Code, the presence of the agent in the host is equivalent to infection.”

Rationale for change: Entry of the agent into the host may not necessarily lead to infection. The definition is clearer based on the wording we are suggestion.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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